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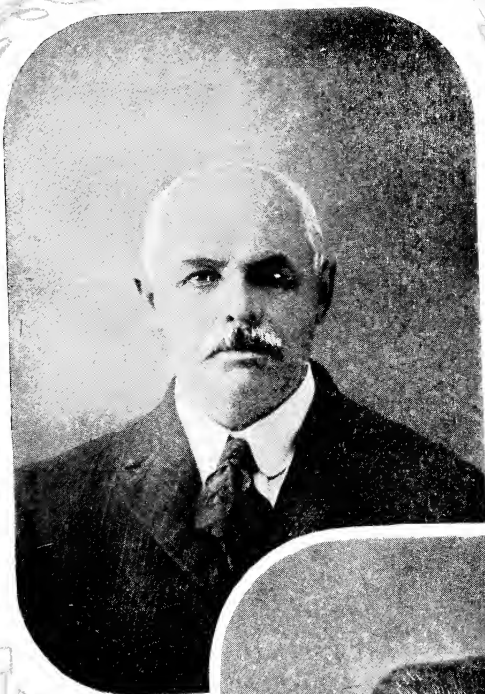
**P. VOS & SON**

GLADIOLUS SPECIALISTS

MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN







PIETER VOS  
GERRIT VOS



## INTRODUCTION



ANY, many years we have written the introduction of our catalog to our numerous friends and clients from the lowlands of Holland. For more than twenty years we issued our catalogs and Special Offers to the United States and have done so not in vain. Thousands of Gladioli were shipped by us across the Atlantic to both amateur and grower, giving mutual satisfaction. Indeed, we took great pleasure in trading with the people of the United States.

Long ago, however, we felt the desire to immigrate with our valuable stock to this great country, knowing that then we should be in closer touch generally and consequently give more efficient service to our esteemed customers.

Again and again we attempted to break our way through countless obstacles. The years came and went, not bringing the fulfillment of our fervent wish. Today, however, we take great pleasure to greet our customers on American soil. The early spring of 1919 we arrived in Michigan. Temporarily we associated ourselves with the United Bulb Co. In connection with them our stock was planted, three miles north of Mt. Clemens, Mich. Our flowers were exhibited at the Florists' Convention and the Michigan State Fair, held in Detroit, Mich. The Vos-named varieties drew special attention and were awarded the highest prizes. For particulars read the October number of "The Flower Grower."

Several years ago our Mr. P. Vos began the great work of Hybridizing Gladioli. The results, today, are far beyond his highest expectations. New colors and forms have appeared, the one surpassing the other in loveliness and beauty. It is worth while to note the star-marked varieties and to try the same. They are all the results of painstaking labor in crossing and hybridizing.

Never do we grow tired in nursing our flowers. In early summer we long for the unfolding of thousands of buds. Day after day they seem to spring from a sea of deep green foliage, reaching as high as five feet from the ground. A field of Gladiolus flowers, unfolded, at the acme of blossoming, fascinates the eye.

Are you too, a lover of art and beauty? Then come to our farms during the months of July, August and September. You will see a wonderful collection of flowers. Hundreds of shades intermingled, the one color shading and losing itself into the other, the whole field producing one great aspect of Flora's children, attractive and full of charm!

Surely, you feel the desire to see your own garden adorned with such richness. You want to nurse Gladioli yourself and taste the satisfaction that awaits everyone who grows these flowers. We are at your service. Go through our catalog carefully, take notice of the color descriptions and select your own varieties. We are positive to give you the satisfaction you are longing for. Our motto is: "More beauty in American gardens."

Respectfully yours,

P. VOS & SON.

## NOTICES

For the price quoted, we deliver bulbs, transportation free, to all points in the United States. No orders of less than fifty cents can be accepted. Small orders are filled with as much care as large ones.

### HOW TO REACH OUR FIELDS

At Detroit take interurban for Port Huron local. Get off at Shoemaker road, 3 miles north of Mt. Clemens, walk 15 minutes west.

By auto from Detroit, take Gratiot road to Mt. Clemens. At Mt. Clemens drive down North Branch Ave. 3 miles north to corner of North Branch Ave. and Shoemaker Road.





GLAD. AMERICA

## Best Collection of Long-Stalked Gladiolus

	Each	Doz.	100
Adelina Patti—Very large flower; dark violet .....	\$0.20	\$2.00	\$
*Alabama—Deep pink, turning into light pink in the throat, a little red stripe on lower petals; flowers of immense size. New ...	3.00		
Annie Wigman—Pure yellow with soft red blotch; spike opens up nicely; many flowers open at one time .....	.06	.60	4.50
America—Ground pure white. Reverse of petal pale lilac-rose, giving the inside a very fine suffusion of pale lilac by reflection. Very faintly flecked old-rose touched with violet-rose in throat. Anthers lilac. Flowers large, correctly placed ..	.05	.50	4.00
Blue Jay—Light blue; large white spot on lower petals with yellow center .....	.30	3.00	

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Catharina</b> —Wonderful grayish light blue; lower petal a little deeper blue with brownish red spot. A very attractive variety .....	.75	7.50	
<b>Catleya</b> —Soft lilac rose, lower petals spotted white .....	.15	1.50	
✓ <b>*Chateau Thierry</b> —Dark orange colored with little yellow spot; flowers very large. New .....	.30	3.00	25.00
✓ <b>Chris</b> —Dark purple; the best of its color ...	.10	1.00	7.00
✓ <b>Clear Eye</b> —New, tall, early, robust, strong grower; long spikes; broad dark green foliage; rich deep scarlet with a white center; broad flower of a fine form. Very early Certificated, Haarlem 1913, London, 1912 .....	.30	3.00	20.00
<b>Conspicuous</b> —Light blue, striped with a yellow blotch, resembles a butterfly, bordered with darker blue. Drew the attention of the amateur as well as the professional. May be called the Orchid among the Glads. ....	.30	3.00	20.00
<b>*Cor. M. Vos</b> —Sport of Wilbrink. Light rose almost white, without the yellow stripes and blotch of Wilbrink. Large flower. Its delicate color pleases the eye. New. Limited quantity .....	7.00		
✓ <b>Dick</b> —Unsurpassed beautiful blue; dark velvet blotches .....	.25	2.50	
<b>Electra</b> —Light red, orange shaded; large flowers; small white blotches on lower petals. Certificate first class, Haarlem and London .....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>*Eros</b> —Immense flower of soft rose with a little carmine stripe on lower petal. New. ....	5.00		
✓ <b>*Evening Red</b> —Charming crimson. This flower has a fascinating power. Tall spike. New. ....	.50	5.00	40.00
<b>*Fair King</b> —The best scarlet in existence. Brilliant variety of great value. New ...	4.00	30.00	
<b>Faust</b> —Flower of large size, well arranged on a spike of 4 feet; color deep velvet crimson .....	.06	.60	4.50
<b>Flora</b> —Beautiful golden yellow; very large flowers. New. ....	2.00	20.00	
<b>*Georgia</b> —Light rose, white bordered with dark red stripes on lower petals turning into an orange-red blotch. The earliest in the Mrs. Frank Pendleton-Willy Wigman genre. New .....	.75	7.50	
<b>General Joffre</b> —Rose Holland variety. Brick red; large flower with dark crimson blotch on lower petal. New. ....	.20	2.00	15.00



GLAD. PINK PERFECTION

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Golden Measure</b> —A pure yellow large flowering Gladiolus. Equal in size and length of spike, substance and form to the best kinds, and in its rich, deep yellow color quite unique. New .....	5.00		
<b>Golden West</b> —Brilliant orange with dark stripes. Award of Merit, Haarlem and London .....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>Goliath</b> —Improvement of Empress of India. Extra fine, dark purplish maroon. Very large flower. ....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>Halley</b> —Delicate salmon pink; creamy blotch, dark red stripes on lower petals. Blooms in June. Certificated Haarlem. Amsterdam and London .....	.05	.50	4.00

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Hilda</b> —Deep scarlet, strong grower .....	.07	.75	
<b>Haubenstaufen</b> —Pure white with a tinge of soft pink and large blotch of brilliant scarlet, bordered light yellow. Backs suffused with a tender flesh pink, producing a grand effect, increased by the erect position of the flowers. An extremely fine novelty. First class Certificate, Boston, Massachusetts. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Illinois</b> —Fine apple blossom pink with small wine-red blotch. ....	.25	2.50	18.00
<b>*Johannesfeuer</b> —Brownish red, bordered with velvet stripes. Attractive. New. ....	3.00	30.00	
<b>Liebesfeuer</b> —This variety is unique in its color. Bewitching crimson-red. Awards of Merit, London, 1912; Haarlem, 1912; first class Certificate, Haarlem and London, 1913. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>L'Immaculee</b> —Snowy white, very fine ....	.10	1.00	8.00
<b>Lily Lehman</b> —Distinct Holland variety. Ivory white; lily shaped flowers ....	.20	2.00	
<b>Liss</b> —Pure apple blossom pink; extra strong spike with 5-10 flowers open at one time. New. ....	.10	1.00	8.00
<b>Loveliness</b> —Creamy white; robust, strong grower; dark green foliage, very large beautiful flower. Certificated, Haarlem and London, 1913 ....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>Lucie</b> —Pure soft canary yellow; large flowers; early ....	.50	5.00	
<b>*Maine</b> —The purest white in existence. Exquisite form, reminding one of the lilies when in full bloom. This novelty commanded the admiration of every one on the convention held at Detroit this past season ....	4.00	40.00	
<b>Majestic</b> —Delicate orange pink; large flowers; distinct variety ....	1.00		
<b>*Margot</b> —Wine red, deepening into a violet indigo towards the center. Unique. New. ....	3.00		
<b>Marie Fennell</b> —Beautiful light lavender; lower petals penciled with primrose-yellow, especially recommended ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Master Wietse</b> —Rosy magenta; overlaid deep purple, streaked with black ....	.08	.80	6.00
<b>Meteor</b> —Glowing scarlet, orange blotched with blood red; very large flower; an extremely brilliant shade; Award of merit, London, 1911 ....	.50	5.00	

## **Gladiolus "White America"**

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A Seedling of "America," having same habit of growth, form of flower and substance; Color--buds flesh-white, opening clear white, with a slight mark of blue in the throat.

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**Bulbs, \$0.45 each;                      \$4.50 per doz.;**  
**\$30.00 per 100**

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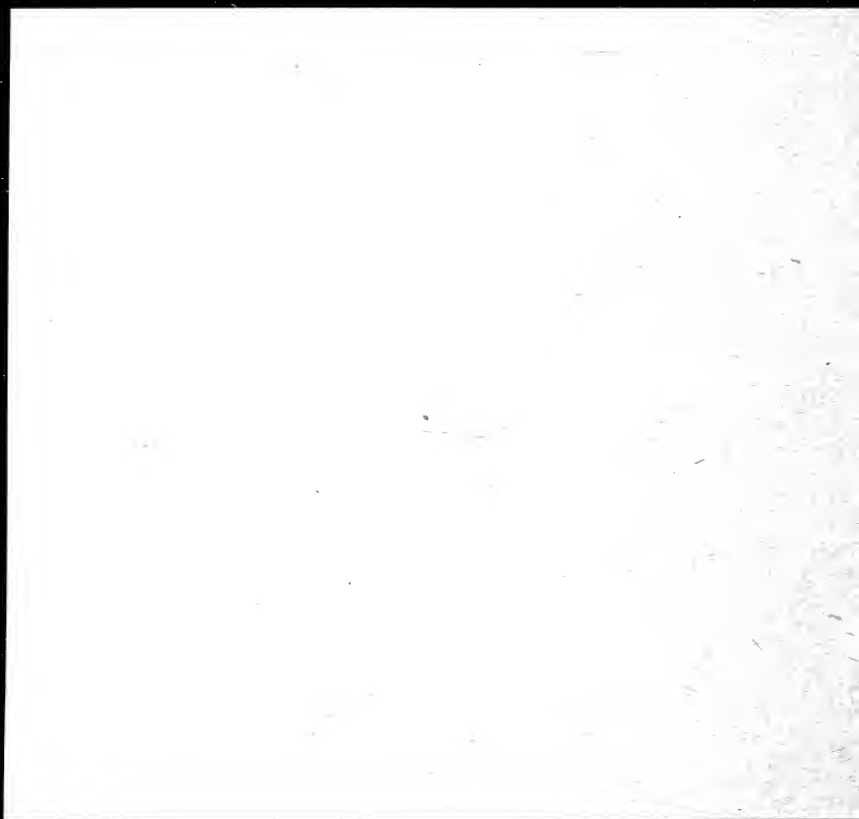
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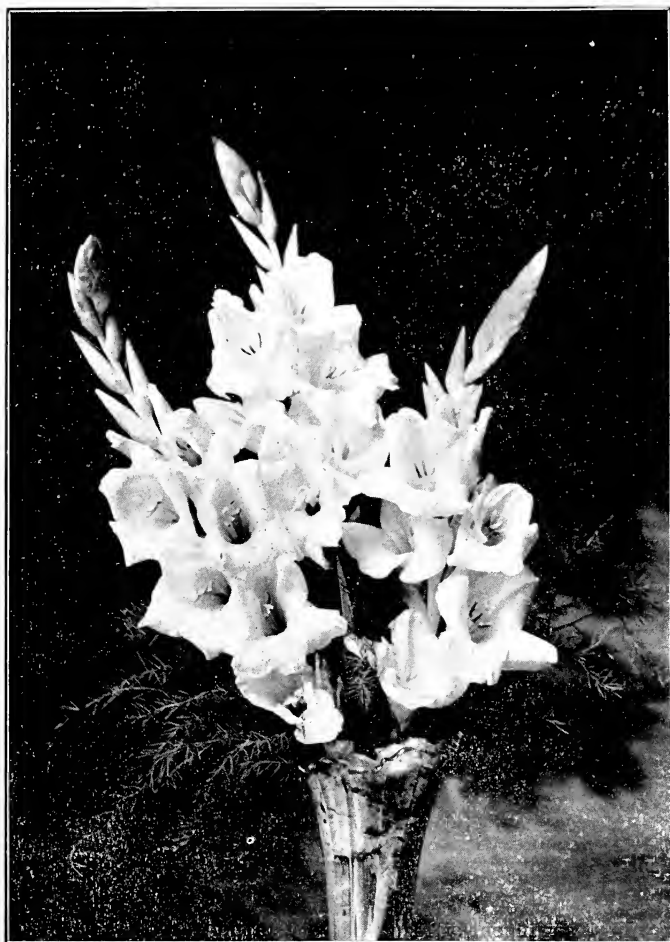
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GLAD. GOLDEN MEASURE

	Each	Doz.	100
* <b>Mr. Mark</b> —A variety of recent date; light blue with darker spot in throat. Robust grower .....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Mrs. Frank Pendleton</b> —The flowers are very large and well expanded; of a lovely flushed salmon pink, with brilliant carmine or deep bloodred blotches .....	.10	1.00	8.00
* <b>Miss Christina Treur</b> —Sport of "Halley" Softest Rose. Lovely flower. Limited quantity .....	7.00		
* <b>Morning Glory</b> —Clear Yellow with tiny red mark on lower petal. Attractive. New...	2.00	20.00	

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Mrs. Dr. Norton</b> —White, edges suffused soft La France pink; lower petals have a blotch of sulphur-yellow and are speckled at base with Tyrian Rose .....	1.50	12.50	
<b>Mrs. Velthuys</b> —Dark brilliant red. Large flower .....	.25	3.00	25.00
<b>*Mrs Vos</b> —Its color is scarcely found among the glads. It reminds of Peach blossoms. New. Exquisite in its genre. ....	3.00		
<b>Muriel</b> —Beautiful light blue .....	1.00	10.00	75.00
<b>*Nebraska</b> —Violet blue with snow-white blotch .....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Negerfurst</b> —Brilliant velvety blood-red, flaked with black; the white blotch is striped with a lilac pink. This variety must please .....	.25	2.50	20.00
<b>*Nevada</b> —Pure white; fine form; beautiful spike; strong grower. New. ....	2.00	20.00	
<b>*New Mexico</b> —Tall, robust, pure white; immense flower. New. ....	2.00		
<b>New Hyde Park</b> —Flowers of an open fine shape; exquisite coloring in the upper petals a frosty sparkling white, feathered with light and dark rose—but the lower petals are more distinctly blotched with cream which is an added charm. New. Certificate of Merit, New York City .....	.20	2.00	
<b>Niagara</b> —Nanking yellow. Nothing to equal it in its shade of color; large flower and spikes. Awards of Merit, Haarlem and London .....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>Nora</b> —Light blue with little darker spot in throat and lower petal .....	.60	6.00	
<b>*Ohio</b> —Pure white; large flower. New. ...	2.00	20.00	
<b>Panama</b> —Magnificent pale pink; very lovely and well arranged flowers; one of the best American introductions. Awarded everywhere .....	.07	.75	5.50
<b>Peace</b> —Pure white with pale lilac feathering on lower petals; a standard variety .	.10	1.00	7.50
<b>*Pink Beauty</b> —Earliest of all Gladioli. Can be in bloom the 25th of June when planted in April. Certificated three times and awarded twice .....	.07	.75	5.00
<b>Pink Perfection</b> —Pure apple blossom pink; extra fine spike with 8-10 flowers open at one time; very lovely. First class certificates, Haarlem and London .....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>*Pink Progression</b> —A sport of the well-known Pink Beauty, blooms at the same time but its color is much lighter; the finest rose. Award of Merit, Haarlem .	.08	.80	6.00





## GLAD. SCHWABEN

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Pride of Hillegom</b> —Very fine scarlet, large flowers .....	.50	5.00	35.00
<b>Prince of Wales</b> —Delicate salmon pink, very large flower. Award of Merit and First class Certificate, Haarlem and London, 1913 .....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Princeps</b> —Brilliant scarlet, intense shading in throat, broad white blotches across lower petals. Certificated everywhere ..	.06	.60	4.50
<b>Queen of the Whites</b> —Snowy white, feathered pink on upper petals. Awards of Merit, Haarlem and London .....	.20	2.00	

	Each	Doz.	100
<b>Principine</b> —One of the most brilliant scarlet reds; it is a very vigorous grower; well open, large and of a fine substance; the throat is glistening white. Awards of Merit, Haarlem and London .....	.12	1.20	10.00
<b>*Radium</b> —Brilliant light rose, with darker throat. New. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Red Emperor</b> —Bright scarlet, white striped blotch; immense flower. Certificated everywhere. Three Awards of Merit. ....	.25	2.50	
<b>Rev. Ewbank</b> —Light lilac. New. ....	.50	5.00	
<b>Roem van Kennemerland</b> —The greatest attraction at the Michigan State Fair. Beautiful rose, yellow blotch, large flower, broadly expanded. New. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Schwaben</b> —Gladiolus "Schwaben" is a most attractive flower. The buds are of a pure canary yellow; when opening, shading to a soft sulphur yellow; the golden dark yellow center is blotched with a brilliant brownish carmine. Highest awards and Certificates .....	.10	1.00	7.50
<b>Stella</b> —Light red with white blotch .....	.06	.60	4.50
<b>*Utah</b> —Pure white, little rose feathering on lower petals. New. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Von Binsing</b> —Light red, large flowers ....	.15	1.50	10.00
<b>War</b> —Deep blood-red. Long stalked and large flowering .....	.10	1.00	7.50
<b>Willy Wigman</b> —Bluish white color, with dark carmine blotch. Award of Merit Haarlem .....	.10	1.00	7.50
<b>White Giant</b> —Tall, immense, pure white flower; healthy strong grower. New ..	.50	5.00	
<b>Wilbrink</b> —Sport of Halley, but colors like "America." Early. ....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>*Washington</b> —Like "Europe," but very strong grower; pure white; perfect shape. New. ....	2.00		
<b>*Wisconsin</b> —Large pure white flower; a little pink stripe on lower petals which adds to its value. New. ....	2.00		
<b>*Wolverine</b> —A beautiful combination of colors. Brownish carmine throat; apple blossom blotches on lower petals, bordering to a fine rose. New. ....	.50	5.00	
<b>Yellow Hammer</b> —Pure yellow with a little red mark in the throat .....	.10	1.00	7.50
<b>All Varieties Mixed</b> —We have acquired this high grade mixture with the purpose of giving our customers something out of the ordinary mixtures. This mixture combines all first class trade varieties as well as many new kinds .....		.45	3.00

**A Few of the Very Best Varieties of Gladiolus Primulinus**

<b>Conqueror</b> —Canary yellow. Award of Merit,			
Haarlem, 1914 .....	.25	2.50	
<b>Ida</b> —Yellow and orange. Certificate of First			
Class, Haarlem, 1914 .....	.20	2.00	15.00
<b>Orange Brilliant</b> —Beautiful orange .....			
	.30	3.00	
<b>Jane</b> —Yellow and salmon. Award of Merit,			
Haarlem, 1914 .....	.40	4.00	
<b>Primulinus Type</b> —Pure yellow .....			
	.08	.80	6.00
<b>Royal Sovereign</b> —Clear yellow. Certificate			
first class .....	.20	2.00	
<b>*Yellow Prince</b> —Beautiful orange, large flow-			
er; strong grower .....	.50	5.00	

**Gladiolus Primulinus Hybrids**—With this new class we can offer something extremely good. Being derived from the small blossoming pure primrose yellow original kind crossed with the large-blossoming roses of strong growth these Primulinus Hybrids form a valuable supplement to the varieties of Gladioli. The richness of color of the previous classes of Gladioli is greatly increased by these new hybrids.

Up till now it was principally the golden orange shades, which were missing to complete the scale between white and red; just these delicate colors of light and dark orange-red and salmon pink are uppermost in this class. These new hybrids besides in their delicate coloring excel also in the elegant position of the flowers and in their thin yet extremely tough stem. These qualities make the **Gladiolus Primulinus Hybrids** choice flowers for cutting, they being most suitable for the decoration of baskets and filling of smallish vases. Per dozen. 80c; 100, \$6.00.

\* The varieties thus marked are acquired by hybridization. Since 1911 we have paid special attention to the crossing of our varieties. Our Mr. P. Vos has had a success with them beyond his highest expectations. These hybrids are in form and color unsurpassed and considered a great addition in the world of Glads, both at home and abroad. The flowers exhibited at the convention in Detroit and also at the Michigan State Fair drew the greatest admiration of both professionals and amateurs. Do not fail to try these extremely fine novelties. They are bound to satisfy your taste of beauty.

## We Obtained Following Certificates and Awards of Merit:

### For Gladiolus "Pink Beauty"

Award of Merit, "Algemeene Vereeniging voor Bloembollencultuur," Haarlem, 20 Juli, 1909.

Award of Merit, "Nederlandsche Maatschappij voor Tuinbouw en Plantkunde," Amsterdam, 12th July, 1910.

First-class Certificate, "Scottish Horticultural Association," Edinburgh, 5th July, 1910.

First-class Certificate, "Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society," Edinburgh, 6th July, 1910.

Certificate from the "National Gladiolus Society," London, 22nd May, 1912.

### For Gladiolus "Princepine"

Award of Merit, "Algemeene Vereeniging voor Bloembollencultuur," Haarlem, 29th July, 1912.

Award of Merit, "National Gladiolus Society," London, 30th July, 1912.

### For Gladiolus "Pink Progression"

Award of Merit, "Algemeene Vereeniging voor Bloembollencultuur," Haarlem, 8th July, 1912.

### For Gladiolus "Clear Eye"

Award of Merit, "National Gladiolus Society," (Kelway & Sons.) London, 30th July, 1912.

Award of Merit, "Algemeene Vereeniging voor Bloembollencultuur," Haarlem, 7th August, 1912. (Firma P. VOS Mz) (Bought by our firm.)

### For Gladiolus "Mrs. Frank Pendleton"

Award of Merit, "National Gladiolus Society," London, 29th July, 1913.



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